

frantic barks and trumpets—while I endeavoured to retrieve my rifle from the grasp of my driver who, petrified with fear, was quite unintentionally hugging it to himself. By the time I had induced him to release the weapon and loaded it the elephant had left the road; and 'Smoke' was back in the jeep very pleased with himself. I am quite sure 'Smoke' was unaware of the fact that the elephant was a wild one; nor, I feel certain did the elephant know there was an inanimate object behind the dazzling lights he was charging. I was dead tired after days of long tramps through the jungle, and can only assign to this the fact that I was motoring through elephantine forests with an unloaded rifle; I cannot recollect ever having done this before. The impact forced the radiator in, and caused other damage, but I was able to get back to the estate without much trouble.

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VIA MYSORE.

R. C. MORRIS

27th December, 1950.

8. THE USE OF PATENT BULLETS IN SHOT GUNS

The following will be of interest to users of patent bullets in shot guns with reference to the Miscellaneous Note in Vol, 31, No. 4, pp. 1040/41.

Writing about the Asiatic Two-Horned Rhinoceros Mr. G. C. Shortridge related at p. 774 of Vol, 23, No. 4:—

'It is astonishing how quietly even a Rhino can move when it chooses, as at last without any warning it suddenly crashed out of a bush almost on top of us. As the moon had almost set it was impossible to see the sights of my rifle so I was depending on a shot gun loaded with lethal bullet and dropped him at 7 paces with a lucky shot in the head, which smashed through the zygomatic arch and into the skull, the bullet being afterwards found inside the brain in about a dozen pieces, several of the circular steel discs used in the construction of the bullet having entirely detached themselves from the lead covering'.

BANGALORE,

6th December, 1950.

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9. MORE BIRD NOTES FROM NEPAL VALLEY

Birds seen in the Nepal Valley during December and January not included in my previous list:

Sitta frontalis: Velvet-fronted Nuthatch. Now quite common on the lower slopes of Nagar Jong.

Garrulax leucolophus: Himalayan White-crested Laughing-thrush. This bird is now very common in large flocks in the jungles up to about 6,500 ft. particularly at Godavari. I never saw them once during